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Chief of Station, Karlsruhe  
Chief, FIM

25 August 1980

Attn: ROB

Name SEIDEL

1. An article concerning Subject in the 6 July 1980 issue of Der Spiegel apparently contradicts information furnished by GAMBONYINATE in MIB-9888 (18 February 1980). The Spiegel article states that SEIDEL was recently sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary and fined 5000 DM (Mark) for black-marketing confiscated goods. It further states that the proceedings went on behind closed doors -- for the protection of the Republic and certain high-placed customers of SEIDEL. MIB-9888 states that "Inspector SEIDEL, Polizeikommandeur KORNAD and Polizeirat Ingo SPIELMANN, secretary to SEIDEL, Abteilungsleiter, were all recently arrested and charged with large-scale black market dealings in confiscated goods and have been freed as a result of the implication of too many high ranking police officials in the affair for any effective prosecution."

2. We would appreciate any clarification of the facts concerning SEIDEL's arrest and reported imprisonment.

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Ref: Extract frp, Der Spiegel, 6 July 80; MIB-9882, 18 Feb 80.

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